

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to make editorial changes therein, bearing in mind the criticisms in the Official Action, to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The indication that claims 1-25 and 31 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, these claims have been amended solely as to form.

Claims 1-31 were rejected under §112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested in view of the editorial changes in this amendment.

Claim 28 was rejected as anticipated by LEE et al. 6,720,201. Among other features, this claim includes micro mirror modulating elements that are interconnected to a substrate by support members, where the substrate is provided with an integrated circuit. As is well known, integrated circuits include many individual interconnected circuit elements (e.g., transistors, resistors, etc.). LEE et al. does not disclose this integrated circuit and thus the claim avoids the rejection under §102. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The Official Action points to element 320 of LEE et al. as corresponding to the claimed integrated circuit. However, element 320 is but a single electrode layer that is not an integral of plural things and is not an "integrated circuit" in the sense understood by those of skill in the art. It is not many individual interconnected circuit elements and thus does not correspond to the integrated circuit of claim 28.

Claim 28 was also rejected as anticipated by DOTZEL et al. 6,016,217. As with LEE et al., the elements identified in the Official Action as corresponding to the claimed integrated circuit are the electrodes 11, 12. These are not an "integrated circuit" in the sense understood by those of skill in the art and thus claim 28 also avoids this rejection under §102. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 26 and 29 were rejected as anticipated by DOTZEL et al. These claims also include the above-noted integrated circuit that is missing from this reference. Accordingly, these claims avoid the rejection under §102 for the reasons given above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

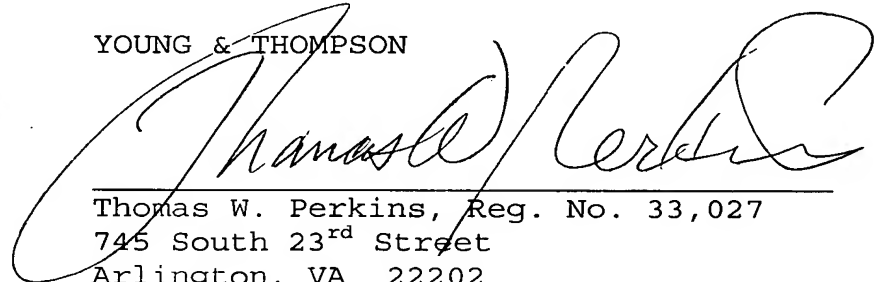
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been

placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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